21st October. 1998 and one OR from Kargil Sector since 17th October, 1998 Extensive search of the area has been carried out. However the missing militarymen could not be traced.

Shelter for Assam ultras in adjoining countries

*257. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Assam Ultras/insurgents are taking shelter/enjoying sanctuaries in adjoining countries of Bhutan, Bangladesh and Mynamar;

(b) if so, whether Government have discussed the matter with these countries; and

(c) the outcome of the discussions held, so far?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) to (c) According to available information, there are camps in some of our neighbouring countries which are being used by North-East insurgent groups as safe havens and sanctuaries and for training purposes. The matter has been taken up with these countries and they have assured that they will not allow undesirable elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

Pak teams not to play/visit Mumbai

*258. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shiv Sena Supremo in Mumbai has recently stated that he will not allow Pakistani Cricket or Hockel team to visit or play matches in Mumbai;

(b) if so, in what capacity, the Shiv Sena Supremo has made such announcements;

(c) whether Government would take immediate action against the Shiv Sena Supremo and direct the Maharashtra Government to allow Pakistani Cricket/Hockey team to play matches in Mumbai; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) According to some media and other reports. Shri Bal Thackeray, Pramukh Shiv Sena, has stated that Pakistan Cricket Team would not be allowed to play in Maharashtra/India.

(c) and (d) The venues of cricket and hockey matches to be played in India have not been finalised as yet. Appropriate action in the matter will be taken in due course.

Revision of Pension/family pension of pre 1986 and pre 1996 Defence officers

*259. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence vide their Circular Nos. 1(3)/98D(Pens|Sers) dated the 27th May, 1998 and 1(2)/97/1D(Pens/Sers) dated the 24th November, 1997, have effected revision of pension/ordinary family pension w.e.f. 1st January, 1996 in respect of all pre 1986/pre 1996 Officers of Army/Navy/Air Force etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such revision of pension/family pension to the Junior Commissioned Officers, Non-Commissioned officers and other Ranks has also been done, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Government orders were issued vide the following letters for revision of Pension/Family Pension of Pre-1986 and pre-1996 pensioners, (i) 1(2)/97|D(Pension|Services) dated 24.11.1997; (ii) MoD letter No. 1(3)/98/D(Pensions|Services) dated 27.5.1998 and (iii) MoD Letter No. 1(2)/98/D(Pensions|Services) dated 14.7.1998.

The details of these orders are as given below:—

Vide the letter mentioned at (i) above, orders were issued for consolidation of pension of all pre-1996 pensioners/family pensioners belonging to Armed Forces. These orders are applicable to both officers and Personnel Below Officers Ranks (PBOR) and their families. Pension Disbursing Authorities were authorised to pay Pension/Family Pension at the consolidated rates w.e.f. 01-01-1996 directly without any authorisation from Pension Sanctioning Authorities. The Pension is consolidated in the following manner:—

(a) The existing pension/family pension;

(b) Dearness Relief upto CPI 1510 i.e. @ 148 per cent, 111 per cent and 96 per cent of Basic Pension as admissible on 01-01-1996 vide DP and PW's OM No. 42/8/96-P&PW(G) dated 20-3-1996.

(c) Interim Relief I

(d) Interim Relief II

(e) Fitment weightage @ 40 per cent, of the existing pension/family pension i.e. of (a) above.

The letter mentioned at (ii) above was issued for final revision of pension of pre-1986 retire Commissioned Officers of Army, Navy and Air Force based on fixation of notional pay as on 01-01-1986 and it also covers revision of family pension in respect of all Commissioned Officers who retired before 01-01-1996. The notional pay arrived at is treated as average emoluments for the purpose of calculation of pension as on 01-01-1986 as per the pension formula then prescribed. The pension so worked out is to be consolidated as on 01-01-1996 as per the fitment formula indicated in (i) above.

The ordinary family pension has also been revised at the uniform rate of 30 per cent of the last pay drawn/notional pay and then is to be consolidated as per fitment formula indicated in para 2 above.

Orders have also been issued vide the letter mentioned at (iii) above, for revision of pension/family pension in respect of pre-1986/pre-1996 PBOR pensioners/family pensioners. In this order tables of revised pension have been annexed. These tables are based on notional fixation of pay as on 01-01-1986 and then consolidated as on 01-01-1996 applying the same fitment formula as applicable in the case of officers.

Use of bullet proof jacket by criminals

*260. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Constable kills dreaded gangster", published in the Times of India, dated the 16th November, 1998, regarding wearing